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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC DOWN 0.1% IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 17, 1991 -- Airline passenger traffic decreased 0.1 percent in September, compared with the same month last year, and was down 3.3 percent for the first nine months of 1991, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic decreased 2.1 percent in September. Available seat miles were down 3.4 percent. The passenger load factor averaged 57.8 percent, up from 57.0 percent for September, 1990. Passenger enplanements declined 2.2 percent to 31.1 million.

In international service, traffic in September was up 5.1 percent. Available seat miles increased 2.4 percent. The load factor averaged 71.1 percent, compared with 69.4 percent for September 1990. 3.5 million passengers were enplaned in September 1991, down 2.4 percent from the same period last year.

For the first nine months of 1991, domestic traffic decreased 2.9 percent, and available seat miles were down 3.9 percent. The load factor increased slightly to 61.8 percent. Passenger enplanements were down 3.5 percent, with 302.2 million passengers.

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International traffic for the first nine months of 1991 was down 4.3 percent. The available seat miles declined 0.7 percent, and the load factor averaged 68.4 percent, down from 71.0 percent last year. The number of passengers decreased 7.6 percent to 29.3 million.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

SEPTEMBER 1991 - 1990

	SEPTEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1991	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1991	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	31,120	31,822	(2.2)	302,152	313,199	(3.5)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	25,481,541	26,035,009	(2.1)	248,385,694	255,853,443	(2.9)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	44,094,079	45,638,161	(3.4)	401,959,240	418,089,033	(3.9)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	57.8	57.0		61.8	61.2	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,484	3,570	(2.4)	29,313	31,729	(7.6)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	10,988,878	10,460,547	5.1	85,793,212	89,605,856	(4.3)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	15,444,703	15,076,843	2.4	125,388,847	126,266,555	(.7)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	71.1	69.4		68.4	71.0	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	34,604	35,392	(2.2)	331,465	344,928	(3.9)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	36,470,419	36,495,556	(.1)	334,178,906	345,459,299	(3.3)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	59,538,782	60,715,004	(1.9)	527,348,087	544,355,588	(3.1)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	61.3	60.1		63.4	63.5	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICA WEST, AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AMERICAN, SOUTHWEST, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

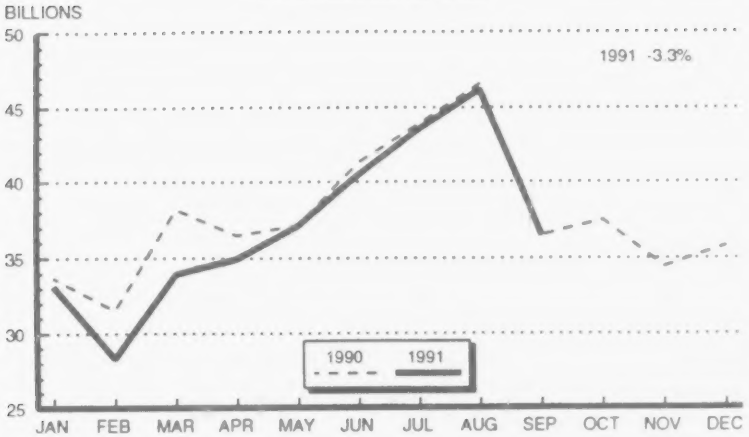
MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990				
January	33,727,179	58,813,269	57.3	34,072
February	31,540,592	53,262,638	59.2	33,182
March	38,202,361	60,147,805	63.5	40,079
April	36,492,221	58,905,308	62.0	37,898
May	37,185,400	61,035,252	60.9	37,894
June	41,331,085	61,456,723	67.3	40,381
July	43,889,484	64,651,821	67.9	41,644
August	46,595,421	65,367,768	71.3	44,386
September	36,495,556	60,715,004	60.1	35,392
October	37,501,512	62,252,748	60.2	38,026
November	34,440,984	58,487,977	58.9	35,830
December	35,816,112	60,022,794	59.7	35,872
TOTAL 1990	453,217,907	725,119,107	62.5	454,656
Jan - Sep	345,459,299	544,355,588	63.5	344,928
1991				
January	33,156,624	58,193,663	57.0	33,323
February	28,279,361	50,220,485	56.3	30,818
March	33,935,173	56,769,427	59.8	35,939
April	34,954,831	55,215,703	63.3	36,323
May	37,140,645	58,502,714	63.5	37,471
June	40,520,470	60,228,843	67.3	38,956
July	43,535,541	63,941,255	68.1	41,106
August	46,185,842	64,737,215	71.3	42,925
September	36,470,419	59,538,782	61.3	34,604
TOTAL 1991	334,178,906	527,348,087	63.4	331,465

PERCENT CHANGE

	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1991/1990			
September	-0.1	-1.9	-2.2
Jan - Sep	-3.3	-3.1	-3.9

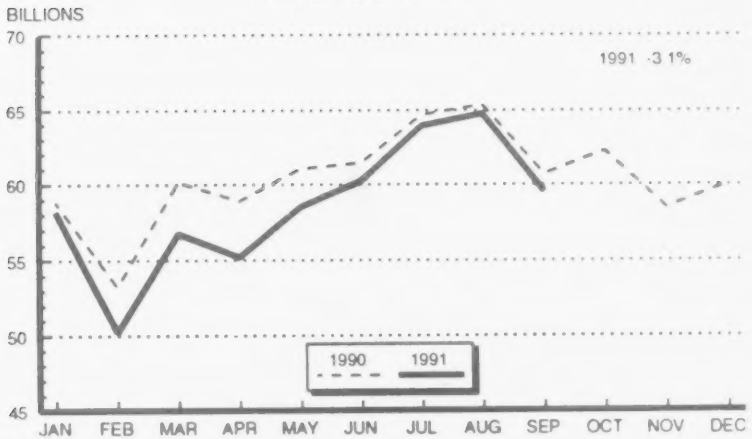
PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR

PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES